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**Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.**  
**Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM**

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#### **Greetings Woodturners,**

Other than the weather, our year seems to be going well.

Our first open shop for the year gave us an excellent turn out of 23 members and 6 new members. Bill and his wife were outstanding host and hostess, providing us with delicious refreshments.

All 6 new members were given one-on-one instruction for making pens.

Everyone seemed very pleased with the events of the day.

We now have a new Historian; Margie Hendrix stepped forward to fill this position.

I ask each of you to provide her with any thing that would be of benefit to our club's history.

We still have the position of Publicist to be filled. Anyone interested, please see me or any of the officers.

On a sadder note, this past month, we lost a very loved member of our community.

Jim Grubbs passed away January 28th.

I did not know Jim that well, but I did have several conversations with him. One of which I remember very well. He and I were both admiring some bowls that were presented for show & tell. I made the comment, while looking at one of the saying, "I wish I could turn something out like this." Jim looked at me and said, "You know how you can do that?" I said, "No." He said, "Practice." He will be sadly missed.

**Howard Fitzgerald**

#### *HCW Calendar:*

- \* Regular meeting 7PM, February 8, 2007.
- \* Demo topic will be "How to Sharpen tools"
- \* Open Shop 9AM-3PM, February 10 at Antonia and Marvel's shop. Subject "Beginning Woodturning".
- \* Next month's regular meeting 7PM March 8, 2007.
- \* March 10th Open Shop at Bob Calvert's shop.

### **Policy and Procedures**

On February 1, 2007 the Board of Directors voted to make the following policy.

"In case of death of a member or immediate family (spouse or children at home), the Club will send \$50.00 (to help with expenses) along with a sympathy card to the family. For extended family (adult children, siblings, or parents), a sympathy card will be sent."

This policy will formalize the club response to these grievous situations. Therefore there will be no question that the club treats all members the same no matter the length of membership or involvement in club activities.

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**\*\* Bob Lloyd of Bob's Roofing & Remodeling, Inc. 903-527-497284\*\***

*Open Shop:*

The first Open Shop of the year was a resounding success. Bill Kloepping and his wife made us welcome in their really great shop which is a work of art. Bill has made quite a comfortable work space. I know it was the envy of many attendees.

We had 23 turners present and several were new folks who will become members very soon. A guest, Bonnie, brought by Fred, made her first pen and was a delight to talk with.

A couple other relatively new turners were instructed in the finer arts by Dan, Fred, Clyde and others. One turner was helped to get pass a rough time with bowl making. This is the way open shops were envisioned. Get up to the lathe and learn "how to do it".



I am sure that all who attended enjoyed themselves and learned something.  
By Marvel

*Editor's notes:*

~ SWAT: We will sponsor Room 2, all presenters will be leads. We have a lot of rotations to cover. The more people that learn the AV equipment, the less work for all. Now is the time to volunteer and learn the ropes.



~ Antonia and I are really looking forward to sponsoring our first Open Shop 9AM-3PM, Jan.10th. Please make plans to attend. We may be a drive from Greenville but we want to have fun and hope for a full house. Around noon we will be serving beans & rice for your epicurean delight.

Directions sent separately.  
Y'all come now, ya hear?

~ We made a good start on the food bank and another meeting like the last one will fill up our box and we can deliver it to WINS. Thank you for bringing contributions and please continue to do so. Take home a new list of the items needed to help you make your selections. Please bring some food for their food bank, monetary contributions acceptable.

**Marvel**

## Our Biggest Fund Raiser of the Year has started.

We are holding a penny raffle this year to raise funds for our club. The penny raffle works like this. There are 500 tickets priced from \$0.01 to \$5.00. The fun is drawing the tickets to see what amounts you are privileged to donate to the club. When all the tickets are sold (this will probably happen at our year end Christmas party) we will have three drawings to award:

- #1. A Mini Lathe.
- #2. A lathe chuck
- #3. An 8" sharpening grinder with two white wheels.

When we get the items, I will put pictures in the newsletter. **See the Treasurer, Antonia, if you would like to take the raffle tickets to sell.** Submitted by **Marvel**

## News From SWAT

The annual SWAT Board of Directors meeting was held in Waco on January 27 and the lineup of lead demonstrators were announced. The SWAT Executive Committee has added an additional national demonstrator and we will now have 6 leads for SWAT 2007 which will be held in Wichita Falls on October 5, 6 and 7.

Here are the national leads and websites where you can learn more about them:

Stuart Mortimer	<a href="http://www.stuartmortimer.com">www.stuartmortimer.com</a>
David Marks	<a href="http://www.djmarks.com">www.djmarks.com</a>
Alan Stirt	<a href="http://www.alstirt.com">www.alstirt.com</a>
Cindy Drozda	<a href="http://www.cindydrozda.com">www.cindydrozda.com</a>
J. Paul Fennell	<a href="http://www.carolinamountainwoodturners.org/fennell/fennell2.html">www.carolinamountainwoodturners.org/fennell/fennell2.html</a>

The Texas lead will be Stacey Hagar from the Austin area. He has had four articles published in the AAW Journal and

has a video on the AAW website.

The rotations will begin mid-morning of Friday with a full slate of regional demonstrators so start getting your vacation time lined up now.

Perhaps the most significant announcement coming out of the meeting is that negotiations are under way to move the SWAT Symposium to the Waco Convention Center beginning in 2008. It's a beautiful place and would serve us well far into the future.

In the very near future, DVDs of the SWAT 2006 demonstrations will be available in the club's library. Bob Matern would like to thank Marvel, Clyde, Denny, Fred, Ed and Sharon for their help in reviewing the tapes. Y'all were a big help!

**Fred Groves**

## Outings

Talked with Gilbert Martinez at the VA in Bonham and we scheduled a pen demo on Feb. 7 at 1:00 PM in his Arts and Crafts Area. At the time of publishing this newsletter, Howard, Clyde, Bob Calvert, Bill Oliver, and Dan were scheduled to go. They will take 4 lathes, the club Grinder,

pen press and pen kits. Bob will have the blanks ready. These folks really appreciate our support of their activities and those that attend get a great sense of accomplishment from helping these deserving Veterans.

**Dan Henry**

## APRIL 14th Club Trash and Treasure Sale

Save your "good" stuff for our sale. This sale will take the place of an open shop for April. The location is not firm yet but we hope it will be at Fred's church, the Crestview Christian Church, on Wesley street in Greenville, where we had the Christmas party. Bring everything that is salable to help us raise money for the expected expenses we will have this year. Please "Pre-price" all items so the day of the sale will go more smoothly. Remember, everything, not just woodturning oriented. Tools, storage, automotive, toys, clothing, household items...anything that will sell. Also mark your calendar to come on out to help with the fun.

## **BIG NEWS...DUES INCREASE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2007**

**LAST CHANCE AT OLD FEE!** Members, we hate to tell you this news but we must increase our dues to help defray the continuing increase in operating expenses. We have a membership of approximately 50 people and expect this number to grow in the coming year; more people--more expenses.

Our hosts John and Jenifer will be moving to a new location very soon. It is still not clear if we can continue meeting at their location. We do not believe their new building will have air conditioning or heat, so it may be a little uncomfortable for our meetings. Also, there will be a lack of storage space for all our equipment. What this means for us as a club; we may end up paying rent at a new location. This requires funds that we don't have at this time.

We have quite a collection of equipment now; audio visual equipment, lathes, grinders, library, tables, and sundry other assets. None of these are covered by insurance. We decided to self-insure our assets with a money market account in case of disaster. At present we don't even have enough money deposited there to cover the cost of our new lathe. We **must** increase the savings just in case!

In anticipation of great increases in our expenses this coming year and beyond, we the board of officers, have determined that we must increase the our club dues. Therefore, effective March 1, 2007 Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. dues will rise to **\$30.00** per year. This increase is just a small effort to increase funds but will not cover rent and/or utilities.

Please pay your dues now at the old rate of **\$24.00**  
and beat the increase.

Submitted by **Howard Fitzgerald**, Pres. and **Marvel Gates**, Sec.

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## **We STILL Need A Volunteer to Fill Position**

At this start of the new year, we need members to step forward to volunteer for positions that will help our club and help share the load.

We have the job of "Publicist" that we would like to expand. We are involved in activities throughout the year and we need exposure in the local newspaper, on local radio shows, and strategic placement of banners and posters. Even if you have never done this type of job, we will provide guidance to get you started. If you have experience, then we **REALLY** need you!

Please help.

Submitted by **Marvel Gates**

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## This and That

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**Wood feature of the month:** Jarrah also known as: (*Eucalyptus marginata*) and Swan River mahogany.

Jarrah is one of Australia's most used woods. The wood is very hard. The trees can live to approximately 500 years old and are primarily found in the dry Australian Savannah.

The scent of the jarrah flowers is magnificent with a wonderful scent, the tree blossoms every other year. Bees pollinate the flowers, and make honey. The usual tree growth is about 40-50 meters high and a diameter of three meters. Jarrah is termite resistant. If the wood is used while fresh it is very workable, but once the wood has seasoned it becomes too hard to use with wood-working tools. When jarrah is used for heating the wood becomes charcoal.

The wood of the jarrah tree is mostly used for timber, which is heavy and durable, and strong. The wood is used in furniture, cabinets, flooring, paneling and outdoor furniture, ship building, and building materials, such as wharves, bridges and railroad ties. The attractive grain and end grain flecks, makes the timber a popular choice as turned wood. At one time the streets of Berlin and London were paved with blocks of this wood.

The sapwood is a uniform pink to dark red. As it ages it becomes a deep brown. The heartwood is a deep dark brownish red, sometimes will have black streaks. Light exposure changes the wood color to a rich mahogany color.

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/jarrah.htm>    <http://www.exotichardwoods-eurasia.com/jarrah.htm>

[http://www.vicpark.wa.gov.au/Herbarium/Eucalyptus\\_marginata.htm](http://www.vicpark.wa.gov.au/Herbarium/Eucalyptus_marginata.htm)

References: <http://www.diadot.com/wood/jarrah.htm>,    <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jarrah>

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Submitted by **Jenifer Hines**

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## Sorrowful Passing of a Beloved Member, He Will Be Missed!

Jim Grubbs was 65 years old when he died Sunday, January 28th, 2007. He was a member when we joined about 4 or 5 years ago but he was a fairly new member. He was probably the first unofficial photographer for the club. He always brought his digital camera and took pictures at the meetings.

He made me the first wooden turned pen I owned. I was admiring his at one meeting and he asked if Art didn't make me one. I told him that Art didn't make pens, so at the next meeting he gave me one he had made for me.

He was also an ardent believer in the Freedom Pen Project.

He said he learned more from our club in a few months than he had learned in 2 or 3 years by himself.

He was a faithful member and tried to always help the club. He was an officer 3 years ago but had to quit because his hearing was getting so bad.

Jim was in the construction business in the Dallas area. He was part-owner of a company that built schools and commercial buildings in Texas and surrounding states.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, several grown children, and several grandchildren.

**Margie Hendrix**

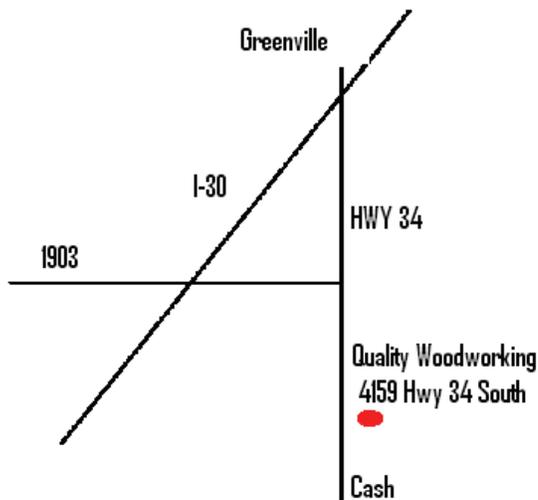
Jim Grubbs was the newsletter editor for a couple of years. He was the Engineering supervisor at Alfa Steel in McKinney. Jim was a member before we started meeting at the Senior Center in Caddo Mills; I think we started meeting there in the summer of 2002.

**Dan Henry**

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We're on the web:

[www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org](http://www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org)

## MEMBERSHIP

2007 Club and AAW Dues are now due.

HCW, Inc. is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). The AAW was organized to provide assistance to local chapters and foster the woodturning experience. Membership in the AAW provides you with insurance protection while at club demonstrations among many other features, and a great magazine. All of our officers are required by our By-Laws to be members and we certainly encourage all club members become AAW members. Go to <http://www.woodturner.org> to find out about AAW.

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